

Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib)

What is Hib?

Haemophilus influenzae causes several types of disease including bacterial meningitis (inflammation of the spinal column and brain), blood stream infections, pneumonia, and more

Signs and Symptoms

Symptoms may appear anywhere from 2-4 days after exposure, though the incubation is not known

- Fever
- Lethargy
- Vomiting
- Stiff neck

If you have symptoms, call your healthcare provider

Transmission (How it spreads)

- Person-to-person via respiratory droplet
- Direct contact with mucus of an infected person

Diagnosis and Treatment

Testing of body fluid, such as blood or spinal fluid

Treatment with broad spectrum antibiotics

In severe cases, supportive therapy including breathing therapy may be necessary

Prevention:

- Vaccination!
- Vaccine is recommend for children at ages: 2, 4,6 and 15 months of age; and those aged 5 years who have not been previously vaccinated.

Who is at Risk?

Those who have not been vaccinated, especially children

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Report cases to the Riley County Health Department by calling the Disease Investigation
Line: 785-317-0474

Hib is a reportable disease in the state of Kansas. All cases must be reported to RCHD or
KDHE via the Epi Hotline: 877-427-7317